



Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

Rockwell International Corp.
Allegan, MI

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

BACKGROUND

EPA selected the City of Allegan, Michigan, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Allegan is home to the 30-acre Rockwell International Corporation Superfund site, which was used for glass manufacturing from 1901 until 1916. From the 1920s until 1992, it was used to manufacture and assemble universal joints and drive-line equipment for heavy trucks and construction equipment. Wastewater and waste oils were discharged to the Kalamazoo River, wetlands behind the plant, and several unlined lagoons. Contaminants include semi-volatile organic compounds, polychlorinated biphenyls, metals, and pesticides. The wetlands and the lagoons were later filled in and built over. In July 1987, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. The site is in a low-income community.

OBJECTIVES

Allegan plans to fund activities such as providing community outreach, forming a citizens advisory group, studying future uses, and planning the redevelopment of the site. The city will involve the community, state, and federal agencies in the planning process. The city has already been granted a Brownfields Pilot, and both Pilots will enhance the city's goal of revitalizing the downtown area. Since surrounding land uses are municipal or industrial, Allegan anticipates that redevelopment of the site would be suitable for commercial offices or light industrial use. The city is considering using the site as additional space for a nearby industrial facility, or for new county government offices, or possibly, as a place to relocate the county jail.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Allegan, MI

Site Name: Rockwell International Corporation

Date of Selection: July 2000

Anticipated Award: Cooperative Agreement (\$100,000)

Profile: The city will involve the community in identifying future uses for the site and create a redevelopment plan.

Contacts:

Thomas Bloom
U.S. EPA Region 5
(312) 886-1967
bloom.thomas@epa.gov

Superfund Hotline:
(800) 424-9346 or
(703) 412-9810
(DC Metro Area)
reuse.info@epa.gov